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TO: Members of the Board of Directors
FROM: Headquarters
DATE: September 19, 1994
RE: Update

ELECTION SLATE: Friday morning, September 16, John DeSantis, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee held a phone conference with his two Committee members, Ed Cummings and Matt McManus. In addition to reviewing and editing the candidates' personal statements (to reduce word count to the 250 word maximum), the Committee resolved several issues that had arisen in conjunction with the processing of the candidates' bios and personal statements and petitions. First, petitions and personal information may be FAXed to HQ (we did ask that the original of the FAX be mailed). Second, published bios will only contain the candidates' awards and achievements, accomplished as of September 12, the filing deadline. Thus, any skills (i.e. rigger) or ratings the candidates believe will be earned by the time the election ballots are published are being eliminated from their information.

The LINEUP: Thirteen candidates are seeking to be elected a National Director. They will appear on the ballot in the following order: Kevin Gibson, Brenda Reid, Will Forshay, Larry Bagley, Al Gramando, Steve Noonan, William Richards, Chris Gay, James Hayhurst, Sherry Schrimsher, B.J. Worth, Mike Truffer and Don Yahrting. Regional Directors will be listed by Region in alphabetical order. Candidates for Regional Director are: Bill Hayes and Doug Marion (CE); Ed Cummings (EA); Madolyn Murdock (GU); Gene Paul Thacker (MA), Ron Langenderfer and Jim West (ME); Bill Wenger (MT); John Goswitz (NC); Tony Carbone (NE); Peter Mootz and Robert Taylor (NW); John Dobleman, Ray Ferrell, Joshua Gwiazda and Becky Livingstone (PA); Robert Rhyneerson (SE); Matt McManus (SW) and John DeSantis (WS). As of today, all non-incumbent candidates have been added to our BOD mailing list so that they can become familiar with current issues.

POPS WOMEN'S WORLD RECORD. Sixteen women, all POPs (Parachutists Over Phorty Society) made a 16-way freefall formation over Skydive, CA at Elsinore on September 11 to commemorate Tiny Broadwick, who on Sept. 13, 1914 (80 years ago) became the first person to freefall from an airplane.

THE LEGAL STEW. The last suit arising from the Lehigh Valley Balloon Festival accident has been concluded; USPA was not liable for any damages. Although we didn't have to pay any damages we did pay considerable legal fees. Stone & Hiles, a Beverly Hills, CA firm has been retained by Montgomery Mutual Insurance Co. to represent USPA in the Flingkinshelt case. Substituting the insurance company paid counsel for the attorneys previously retained by Dow, Lohnes has necessitated quite a bit of work for HQ. (We have compiled several packages to bring Stone & Hiles up to speed; this case is now in the discovery phase.)

Jason, as always, please use the POPS logo somewhere prominent in the title/article. Also, please use the logo in the box below as you've done in the past.

How to Join POPS

Being over 40 years old and having made at least one parachute jump (tandems included) are the only qualifications it takes to join the Parachutists Over Phorty Society.

To get your POPS number, send \$15. for a lifetime membership, which includes a membership card, the famous POPS patch, a POPS roster, flyers for upcoming meets and more to:

**Alicia Anderson, Top POP
3350 St. Francis Place
Long Beach, CA 90805**

Please include your name, address, phone, birthdate, number of jumps, USPA and license numbers (if you have them).

Also for the *Parachutist* November issue:

POPS Women Set World Record

by Josepha Eveleigh

In 1893, Georgia Ann Thompson, a baby girl was born. She grew up to be a 4 foot, 8 inch, 80 pound woman nicknamed 'Tiny' who loved to "parachute jump." On September 13, 1914, at the age of 21, Tiny Broadwick became the first human being to be in freefall from an airplane and, therefore, became the world's first skydiver. For her first freefall, Tiny, according to Dan Poynter's *The Skydiver's Handbook*, caught her static-lined canopy on the tail of the aircraft while demonstrating parachutes to the Army in San Diego. Afraid it might happen again, on the next jump, she intentionally cut the static line and deployed the parachute manually in freefall. Broadwick logged over 800 jumps, but most who knew her believed she had more than 1000.

On September 11, 1994, almost exactly 80 years later, 16 POPS women celebrated Tiny's first jump. They met at Jim O'Meara's Skydive Elsinore, at Skylark Airport in southern California. It was a hot, dusty, end of summer day. Four jumps were scheduled as they had been in April of 1992, when 14 POPS women set the previous record at the same location. This time there were 16 women organized by Chris Kelly, Ken Thompson, their POPS cameraflyer and 'Zing' their "honorary POPS" pilot to take them to altitude in one of Larry Hill's Super Otters.

The first and second jumps were good with nearly everyone docking onto their four pods off a 4-way base, but the requisite 3 second hold of the formation was not accomplished.

On the third jump, tension was building, it was 2 pm and everyone was aware the chances were lessening for a world record. It was time for these women ages 40 to 53 to put their skydiving skills to use and complete and hold the formation. Starting with the required free flown exit, the skydive began well. The base formed quickly and on heading, with the twelve remaining women swooping down toward their slots. One by one, they docked successfully, completing the formation with big smiles all around. Deby Daniel had an especially big grin as she had just completed her 1,300 jump and her first jumps as POPS -- Deby was the youngest POPS on the load, having celebrated her 40th birthday just 2 weeks before.

What a celebration of the 80th anniversary of the first person to freefall from an airplane a women!

POPS participants:

Chris Kelly	Jan Davis	Kitty Baran
Josepha Eveleigh	Gail Sims	Bobbi Carr
Deby Daniel	Paula Thues	Chris Libbs
Alicia Anderson	Bette Klette	Chris Schilpp-Deli
Valerie Wood-Smith	Joy Brown	
Mary Lastinger	Debbie Discoe	

The Tiny Broadwick Memorial Award (TBMA) is earned by building a POPS Women's 8-way base after which additional women or men POPS may enter. Other POPS awards are POPS 8-way (or larger) Formation Skydiving, POPS CRW and night awards. Information, cards and patches are available through Len Zak, POPS Awards Coordinator, 4808 Maricopa St. Torrance, CA 90503-2818. Phone: 310-542-3030.

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